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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GRAY ET AL.

Examiner

Matthew F DeSanto

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kamen (USPN 4,648,872)

Kamen discloses an infusion pump comprising a barrel with a clearance hole, a rotating drive screw with exterior threads, and a plunger rod with threads. (Figure 7 entire reference)

3. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shearn (USPN 6,645,177).

Shearn discloses an infusion pump comprising a barrel (30) with a clearance hole, a rotating drive screw (54) with exterior threads, and a plunger rod (65) with threads. (Figures 2-4, and entire reference)

As to claim 2, wherein the pump further includes a reservoir with variable volume including a plunger in engagement with the plunger rod, and a locking hub in

mechanical connection with the reservoir and the barrel. (Figures 2-4, 7-12 and entire reference)

4. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Srisathapat et al. (USPN 5,954,697)

Srisathapat et al. discloses an infusion pump comprising a barrel (12) with a clearance hole, a rotating drive screw (20) with exterior threads, and a plunger rod (18) with threads. (Figures 3-6, and entire reference)

As to claim 2, wherein the pump further includes a reservoir with variable volume including a plunger (18) in engagement with the plunger rod, and a locking hub (10) in mechanical connection with the reservoir and the barrel. (Figures 3-6 and entire reference)

As to claim 4, wherein the barrel further includes a locking tab (32). (Figures 3-6 and entire reference)

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments, filed 1/5/04, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-7 under Moberg and Kriesel have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection have been made.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew F DeSanto whose telephone number is 1-703-305-3292. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 1-703-308-3552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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